

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, and 5-14 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4 and 15-60 have been canceled. No new matter has been added to the claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and review of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

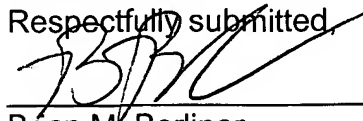
At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 5, 10 and 11. In the interest of expediting an allowance of this application, Applicant has amended all remaining claims to be dependent directly or indirectly upon Claim 5. All claims remaining in the application are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 35 and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Bayan et al. In view of the cancellation of these claims, this ground of rejection is considered moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2, 3, and 5-14 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. If it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time, extending to March 5, 2007, the period for response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2006. Our check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed for the three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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